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June 17, 2015

Dear Mr. McDonald,

Please find attached a letter from the Rhode Island Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) members on Cortical Integration Therapy. We reviewed and discussed this proposed treatment at the June 3, 2015 MCAC meeting. All MCAC members present at the meeting were not in favor of piloting this treatment in the RI Medicaid Program.

If you would like additional information or rationale on our decision from the committee, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jerry Fingerhut, M.D.
Medicaid MCAC Acting Chair

RI Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee

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Dear Mr. McDonald:

The RI Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee wishes to provide its input on the proposed Category II change to RI 1115 comprehensive waiver demonstration project re: Cortical Integration Therapy.

The MCAC does not support this pilot, as the proposed treatment is neither evidence-based nor focused on a well-defined disease entity or condition. MCAC typically consults scientific resources such as Centers for Medicare and Medicaid guidance, Center for Evidence Based Policy, or Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality when making recommendations. This diagnostic and treatment modality has not been addressed by any such entity.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important topic.

Sincerely,

Richard Wagner, M.D.
Renee Rulin, M.D.
Christine Gadbois, DNP
Josiah Rich, M.D.
Patricia Flanagan, M.D.
Catherine Cummings, M.D.
David Bica, D.O.



MCAC Meeting Notes
June 3, 2015

MCAC Members Present: Catherine Cummings, Renee Rulin, Dave Feeney, Roanne Osborne-Gaskin, Pat Flanagan, Pedro Ochoa, Jody Rich, Roni Del Rio, Nicole Alexander-Scott

Interested Parties Present: Anne Neuville, David Swenson, Sarah Thompson

Staff Present: Jerry Fingerut, Diana Beaton

Meeting Convened: 7:00 AM

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Members introduced themselves. Deidre Gifford had another meeting and could not be present. New MCAC members include: Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, Director, RI Dept. of Health, Roni Del Rio, consumer member, and Pedro Ochoa, dentist at Blackstone Valley Community Health Care.
2. **Medicaid Fee for Services Policies** – Revised Medicaid FFS policies were distributed prior to the meeting for review. They included: Gloves, Home Infusion Therapy, and Intermittent Positive Breathing Devices. The updated policies were reviewed. There was one comment from the committee to add Nurse Practitioner to the list of providers who could request gloves. There were no other comments on the other two policies.
3. **Cortical Integrative Therapy (CIT)**- EOHHS is requesting a Category II change to the 1115 demonstration waiver to initiate a 100 patient per year pilot using Cortical Integrative Therapy. EOHHS is requesting feedback/public comment on this change to the waiver by June 21. CIT involves the diagnosis and treatment for brain-based disorders. MCAC members stated that there wasn't evidence to prove that this treatment worked; it didn't go through the typical review process for studies, i.e., randomized, double-blind controlled trials or other scientific review process so therefore should not be considered a Medicaid benefit at this time. The committee felt that Medicaid should be using and moving towards evidence-based practice. The group felt that possibly CIT treatment may be a candidate for MED review. They agreed to send a letter to EOHHS from the MCAC Committee expressing these comments.
4. **Health Care Reform Initiatives/Pharmacy**- Dave Feeney introduced Sarah Thompson, pharmacist at Coastal Medicine. Dave and Sarah presented on promising, innovative pharmacy practices at PCMHs and ACOs .